(i) attract private investment for upgradation of these airports to world class;

(ii) improve the standards of services/facilities;

(iii) bring about improvement in managerial efficiency and productivity.

Development of Unused Airstrips in Andhra Pradesh

95. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether airstrips at Cuddapah, Warrangal, Rajahmundry, Adilabad and Nagarjunsagar are in disuse; and

(b) the steps taken to develop these five airstrips to ease traffic growth in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Airstrips at Cuddapah, Warrangal, Adilabad and Nagarjunsagar are non-operational. However, Pawan Hans & Oil and Natural Gas Commission operate Helicopter services from Rajahmundry Airport.

(b) Airports Authority of India has no proposal to develop these airports as no airline has indicated any plan to operate from these airports.

Policy on use of abandoned Aerodromes

96. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of the Central Government regarding the abandoned aerodromes spread all over the country;

(b) whether the State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for taking over the land of Khowai aerodrome for utilising the land for public use; and

(c) the reaction of his Ministry to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for taking over the land of Khowai Aerodrome for utilising the land for public use. A new Civil Aviation Policy is under

formulation which will address the issue of abandoned aerodromes spread over the country?

Delay in confirmation of wait-listed ticket

†97. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister-of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the serial number and names of passengers who had applied for advanced reservation from Delhi and had confirmed tickets or were in waiting list in J class of Flight No. 809 on November 5, 1999;

(b) the names and serial numbers of those passengers who did not travel despite having confirmed reservation;

(c) whether a Member of Parliament, who was at Serial No. 1 in waiting list, was not accommodated in J class; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) A list indicating the details of the serial number and names of passengers who had applied for advance reservation from Delhi, both confirmed and in the waiting list, is annexed as statement. (*See* below)

(b) Shri C.N. Bhardwaj and Smt. Mini Bhardwaj who were at S.Nos. 11 and 12 did not travel despite confirmed reservation.

(c) and (d) IC-809 is being operated with A-320 aircraft on the sector Mumbai/Delhi/Patna/Ranchi. This aircraft has 20 seats only in 'J' class. On 5.11.1999, one passenger from Mumbai to Patna and 19 passengers from Delhi to Patna/Ranchi (Patna-9, Ranchi-10), having confirmed tickets, were travelling in 'J' class. As such, no one could be accommodated from the waiting list.

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.